

# Road Construction Updates

Oct. 17 – Oct. 30, 2011: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



Plan carefully to maximize your fun and minimize your delays during your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We appreciate your patience during ongoing road construction projects. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety.

## How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by one of our visitor centers, and ask a ranger to help you plan your visit.
- Visit our park website for major road construction updates: [www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki)

## Where are the Biggest Delays or Inconveniences?

If you plan to enter or exit Sequoia National Park, you will find 20-minute to 1-hour delays between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest (11 miles inside the park) or on your way to the General Sherman Tree, the largest giant sequoia tree in the world. You may encounter additional 5-15 minute delays for other road projects in both parks with occasional temporary road, parking, and campground closures. *Schedules may change with little notice.*

## How Can I Avoid the Biggest Delays/Closures and See the Big Trees?

### Schedule Your Visit Carefully!

#### Temporary Closures at Sequoia NP

Sep. 12 - Oct. 20:

- *Mineral King Bridge Replacement*– Just before the last parking area at the end of the road (Eagle Mosquito). Alternate parking at Sawtooth Trailhead.

Oct. 14-15:

- *Lodgepole Visitor Center parking* (closing at 6 p.m. Oct. 14 until noon Oct. 15)

Oct. 19-20:

- *Potwisha Campground* (closing at noon on Oct. 19 until 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20). Alternate camping at Lodgepole and USFS.

Oct. 21: (7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

- *Foothills Visitor Center parking lot*– Use picnic area parking across the street on day of treatment.
- *Indianhead parking*– Use picnic area parking.

#### Temporary Closures at Kings Canyon NP

Oct. 17:

- *Azalea Campground* (closing at noon on 10/16 until morning of 10/18). Alternate camping at Cedar Grove and USFS.
- *Grant Grove Village parking*– “old store” (7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

Oct. 18:

- *John Muir Lodge parking* (9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)
- *Concessions parking* (Plaza) (7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)
- *Redwood Mt. Overlook parking* (7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

### DAY WORK

(Monday - Thursday) Oct. 17 - 20, and Oct. 24 - 27:

Traffic can only pass through the construction zone every hour on the hour from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

*\* 2-hour delays will begin on 10/31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays only!*

(Friday) Oct. 21, and Oct 28:

Road construction ends at 2:30 p.m.

### NIGHT WORK (Sunday - Friday)

Between 9 p.m. each evening through 6 a.m. each Friday, traffic can only pass thru the construction zone at 11:30 p.m.

*\* except no closure on Sunday Oct. 16. from 9 p.m.-12 midnight. Instead, night closure will be on Monday, Oct. 17 from 12 midnight until 6 a.m.*

### WEEKENDS/TIMES NOT LISTED

20 minute delays with signals and/or flaggers.

### RVs AND TRAILERS

The main road (Generals Highway) to the General Sherman Tree, Giant Forest, and Lodgepole is closed to vehicles longer than 22 feet (total combined length) shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should enter and exit the parks via Hwy. 180 at Kings Canyon National Park.

### MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES

Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!